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Applicant : Naroun Suon et al.  
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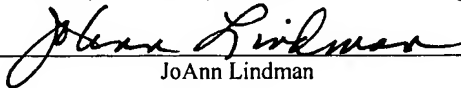
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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

Dear Sir:

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of: EV333852596US, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 26th day of February, 2004.

By

  
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This is a request for filing a continuation application, under 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/020,705 filed on December 14, 2001, for an invention entitled RETRIEVAL DEVICES FOR VENA CAVA FILTER.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the inventor's DECLARATION of Naroun Suon and James Weldon, as originally filed on September 23, 1999.
2. I hereby verify that the enclosed papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 10/020,705 as filed on December 14, 2001, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.
3. Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment.

4. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED						
FOR:	(1) No. Filed	(2) No. Extra	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER	
			RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	\$385	XXXXXX	\$770
TOTAL CLAIMS	1-20=	0	X 9=	\$	X 18=	\$770
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1- 3=	0	X 42=	\$	X 86=	\$
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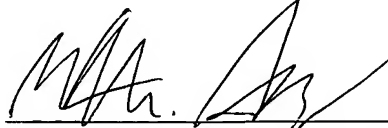
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0413.
6. A check in the amount of \$ 770 .00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
7. Please find enclosed three (3) sheets of formal drawings.
8. The power of attorney in the prior application is to CROMPTON, SEAGER & TUFTE LLC. The power appears in the papers in the prior application file, and a copy is enclosed. Address all future communications to:

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9. This patent application is assigned to SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., pursuant to the Assignment recorded at Reel 010457, Frame 0606.

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